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Arctic Drilling: An Overview

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The dispute over Arctic drilling pits those who are in favor of extracting petroleum from the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) against those who back the preservation of the ANWR, as mandated by the United States government decades ago. According to 2005 estimates, the reserves of the ANWR could provide the United States with enough oil to meet increased domestic needs for a single year.

Opponents of drilling in the Arctic include environmental organizations such as Greenpeace, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and the National Congress of American Indians, which represents the Gwich'in Athabascan Indians. Opponents stress that the temporary fix provided by a limited supply of oil—currently estimated by the US Geological Survey (USGS) at about 7.6 billion barrels—would not justify the negative environmental and cultural impacts of this process. Unlike warm tropical environments, arctic environments are sensitive to disturbances and require tens to hundreds of years to recover. Instead, opponents push for increased research and development of renewable fuel sources, supporting better fuel efficiency standards, and mandatory lifestyle changes that would decrease oil dependence.

Those in favor of Arctic drilling include the Alliance for Energy and Economic Growth, Exxon Mobil and other petroleum companies, and the Alaskan government. Proponents of drilling justify the need for more domestic oil in light of instability in the Middle East, terrorism threats, and high gasoline prices. They estimate that drilling would generate tens of thousands of new jobs and billions of dollars in revenue, thereby benefiting the economy. Furthermore, proponents stress that new technologies and increased

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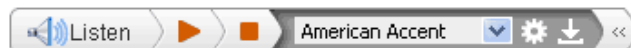
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Before You Read

- In a single sentence, state what you currently think is the controversy surrounding Arctic drilling.
- On the opening screen, Browse by Category, click on "Energy & Conservation," and then click on "Arctic Drilling."
- View the Result List of four records on the Points of View tab that includes this guide.

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The Overview provides general background information on the issue.

- The Point essay presents one opinion on the issue in a persuasive position essay.
- The Counterpoint essay offers an alternative or opposite view of the issue.

As You Read

Reading all three essays will enable you to better understand the controversy, providing a foundation from which you can broaden your knowledge of the topic.

The **Guide to Critical Analysis** is a feature unique to *Points of View*. For each topic, the guide discusses key criteria in understanding the issue, preparing you for further research on the subject. It also presents exercises to improve critical thinking and debate skills. Next we will look at performing an advanced search for full-text articles available in *Points of View*. Click on the logo to return to the home screen.

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